The News.

The William's Bill memorallizing Congress for the division of Dakota, with the admission of the southern portion, passed the House of the State Legislature, under a suspension of the rules, by a unanimous vote.

Nathaniel McKay, formerly one of the leading ship-builders of the country, has recently visited Panama. He reports that the Panama Canal is progressing amazingly, and that in five years it will be completed.

The Chief of Police of Montreal has received a letter notifying him that if he does not stop interfering with tavern keepers in Hochelega for keeping open Sundays, they will blow up the City Hall with dynamite.

The Liberty Bell arrived in Cincinnati Saturday *en route* for the the New Orleans Exposition. The Committee having it in charge stopped only a short time, and the reception ceremonies were consequently brief and hurried.

Four hundred delegates from all parts of the State of Iowa met in a temperance convention at Desmoines, January 22, to consider measures to secure the better enforcement of the prohibitroy law. Resolutions were passed denouncing saloons, and calling on the home, school and church to unite against the common enemy; calling for education as to the physical and industrial results of intemperance; declaring that political parties which desire the support of Prohibitionists must take no backward step; calling on the next General Assembly to enact the necessary amendments, and on Iowa Congressmen to work for national prohibition.

After several small and comparatively harmless explosions of dynamite during the past ten days in London, on last Saturday afternoon three heavy explosions, in quick succession, startled the city. The Tower of London and the Parliament Buildings were the scene of the terrible outrage. The first explosion was at Westminister Hall, doing considerable damage. Three minutes later two other explosions followed in the Tower and in the House of Commons, leaving the interior of the latter a complete wreck. From the general direction in which the force of the explosion in the House operated it is conjectured that had the House been in session, Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Home Secretary, Mr. Bradlaugh, and fully two hundred members of the body must have been killed outright or maimed. The fact that the hundred or more visitors in the galleries of the House rushed out on hearing the first explosion in the crypt, to learn what was the matter, probably accounts for the absence of fatalities.

Work on the Dismal Swamp Canal, in Virginia, will soon begin and a veritable ship canal is promised. Six years are given for completing it.

The Chicago Grand Jury has returned indictments against 249 judges serving at the late presidential election in that city.

Congress had a tilt over the River and Harbor Bill last week.

The National Senate failed to ratify the Nicarauga treaty in a secret session lately.

Iowa was awarded the gold medal and sweepstakes for the best creamery butter in the world, at the New Orleans Exposition last week. Iowa was also given the first premium for the largest and best display of potatoes and other vegetables, and the first premium for fruits from the Northern states. Hail Iowa.

S. S. Conant, managing editor of *Harper's Weekly* has mysteriously disappeared.

A national silver convention was held at Denver last week. Its purpose is to maintain the standing of silver as a money.

The war in the Soudon, a land in upper Egypt, is now a reality. Several battles have been recently fought, and the English were successful

James G. Cunningham is now under arrest for complicity in the dynamite outrages recently perpetrated in London.

A suit is now in course of preperation to recover one hundred and fifty acres in the heart of Detroit, Michigan, valued at $50,000,000.

People who want a paper that exposes the frauds of the country should send for the *Agents' Herald*, published by Lum Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., at 50 cents per year.

PUBLISHERS' DEPARTMENT.

Many Good Words.

When you are working for other people, it is always a satisfaction to know how they appreciate your services, and when you are complimented, it gives you satisfaction to tell others the words of praise spoken. It is very improper and unprofessional for correspondents and contributors to weave into their essays and contributions words of praise in favor of the publication for which they are writing, as they appear to be a sort of bribe to help them into the graces of the editor; but words of approval given in a private way are proper and encouraging. We have received many such since we have undertaken this work, and begging the indulgenee of our well-wishers, we take the liberty to reproduce some of their encouraging words.

This certainly comes from the abundance of the heart: "I am well pleased with the EVANGELIST."—M.

We hope that what this brother says may come to pass: "I am much pleased with the present size and contents of the EVANGELIST. May success attend all your efforts and thereby the cause of Christ be glorified."—J.

Surely a religious paper should be high-toned, and we hope our brethren pray for us and assist us that we may cast no evil reflection upon the Cause of Christ in this work: "We are glad that you are determined to keep up the high tone and character of the EVANGELIST. I do not consider the slightly diminished size detrimental to the cause, and the reduction in price will give it a larger circulation."—E.

Here a sturdy old warrior in the battle of life expresses himself: The EVANGELIST in its new dress seems to give general satisfaction. It contains all the necessary departments for a first-class paper. It comes with that vigor, candor and high religious tone that becomes the cause which it advocates."—C.

This brother tells his opinion in a few strong words: "I think the EVANGELIST is just what we need."—H.

There seems to be no objection against the reduced size of the paper: "We like the change, both in size and price of the paper, and the tone of it is being generally complimented."—B.

This brother speaks on the impulse of the moment: "I have this week received the EVANGELIST in its new form, and read it carefully, and must truly say that I am well pleased with it."—B.

We expect to fully meet this brother's anticipations; "The first copy of the new year and the new firm is at hand. I am well pleased with it; hope it is a fair sample of what the paper will be in the future."—W.

Here are a few words that say a good deal: "You have the paper just right, so do not alter it any more."—D.

Even the cold Northwest has a good word for us: "The make-up is good. I like the form of the paper and think the reduced price will enhance the prosperity of the paper. Any man who objects now to the price, considering the size of the paper really does not want it."—J.

An old standby says this: "I am glad the change was made in the paper, both in the size and price."

It is right and proper that our church paper should be pure and elevated to a degree that every well-wisher may consistently feel proud of it, and it is our desire that it may enter into many new homes and do a good work for souls and Christ: "I am not ashamed to have it introduced into new families and to new persons, who are not members of the Church."—T.

Renew Your Subscription.

We have a number of names on our books yet whose subscriptions have expired, and they have not renewed for this year, nor informed us whether they wish their paper continued or not. We do not wish to send the paper to any brother who does not want it, and will not pay for it, but we do want and do need every subscription that we can get, and we desire that all our patrons, who have not already done so, will inform us whether they wish their paper continued.

The times are said to be hard, and money is scarce, and now and then one pleads poverty; but it should be remembered that the EVANGELIST costs less than three cents a week, and he, indeed, is poor who has houses and lands and money and cannot afford three cents a week to encourage his soul in the work of righteousness. It should be remembered also that a patron can pay for the paper three, four or six months, and certainly, no one, unless he is really poor, can fail to command a sum of money so small.

College Notes.

Only five more weeks of school this term.

The class in Higher Mathematics has just passed from Trigonometry to General Geometry.

Elder E. L. Yoder has sold his farm in Wayne county and is now looking for a home in Ashland.

The church clerk is now keeping a record of the attendance at prayer meeting on Sunday afternoons. He reports but few marks for absence.

The next number of the College Record will be issued next week. Persons having friends who would be interested in the paper should send addresses to the EVANGELIST.

Arrangements are being made with different railroads looking to special rates to students going to or from Ashland College. Persons wishing to take advantage of this should see or correspond with the editor of this paper at once.

Bro. A. L. Garber preached in the College chapel on Sunday, Feb. 1. REPORTER.

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